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## Omentum-to-Brain Transplants★

Beyond your simplistic jokes I can feel new blood bounce  
 into the cingulate, untangle the Alzheimer twos, and swish away the hibernation debris.  
 Lendrum's stain will fail as more  
 nuclei move to the center, reduce the umbras,  
 and return my social security numbers.  
 Glopy meals draw blood once aimed at the gut, but  
 now up. Whirl past the heart, the jaw, the ear, and  
 plunge through the dura to the thirsty bouton belt,  
 releasing Eleanor Roosevelt.  
 Each pulse attacks my old Wernicke's,  
 "Now where'd I put the car peas?"

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### Editor's note

Readers who wish to have a few additional clues to this poem should turn to page 319.